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1. [redacted] since at least October 1953, a monthly average of 30 tank cars of gasoline have arrived at the fuel depot in Kummersdorf. The fuel was distributed to the units by tank trucks. 25X1
2. At the end of February 1954, Kummersdorf fuel depot was occupied by about 120 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. [redacted] 25X1

3. The following [redacted] shipments [redacted] arrived at Kummersdorf depot from 17 January to 6 March:

17 January, 1 tank car with 20 tons of fuel from Grunow, [redacted]
 21 January, 8 tank cars with 154 tons of fuel from Strassgraebchen-Bernsdorf
 28 January, 1 tank car with 20 tons of fuel from Strassgraebchen-Bernsdorf,

28 January, 1 tank car with 15 tons of oil from Velten, [redacted]
 4 February, 2 boxcars with military goods from Altstrelitz, [redacted]
 5 February, 3 tank cars with 55 tons of fuel from Strassgraebchen-Bernsdorf
 12 February, 3 tank cars with 57 tons of fuel from Strassgraebchen-Bernsdorf
 22 February, 3 boxcars with military goods from Altstrelitz, [redacted]
 23 February, 2 tank cars with 40 tons of fuel from Strassgraebchen-Bernsdorf
 3 March, 3 tank cars with 60 tons of fuel from Strassgraebchen-Bernsdorf
 6 March, 7 tank cars with 130 tons of fuel from Strassgraebchen-Bernsdorf 1

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4. On 9 February, 15 tank cars with fuel were shunted to the Junkers Plant area in Dessau. It was the impression that the old service station near the former hangar No 202 was filled with these 300 cubic meters of fuel.³
5. In late January, the fuel depot at Frankfurt/Oder railroad station was confiscated by the Soviets and has since been used by the Soviet Army. Prior to late January, only the largest of the two fuel tanks available had been used by the Soviets.⁴
6. In mid-November 1953, the quarters of the fuel depot at Strassgraetchen-Bornsdorf were occupied to capacity by troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Two piles of 200-liter barrels were noticed at the depot.
7. In mid-November, the eight containers which had been removed from the Riesa fuel depot had not yet been replaced. Air force soldiers were no longer seen at the depot up to late November. Nor was the air force detail seen in the Von-der-Goltz Kaserne at the end of November. The depot was guarded by personnel furnished by a unit from the Madra Kaserne. [redacted] Truck [redacted] picked up fuel. On 16 November, 4 tank cars with fuel were sidetracked in the depot. [redacted] the incoming fuel was exclusively used for the current supply of Riesa units.⁵

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1. [redacted] Comment. The statements in paragraphs 1 and 3 are contradictory. The following quantities of fuel have so far been determined to arrive: in October 1953, 36 tank cars with 592 tons; in November, 36 tank cars with 671 tons; in December, 19 tank cars with 349 tons; in January 1954, 18 tank cars with 335 tons; and, in February 1954, 8 tank cars with 160 tons. These shipments indicate that the rate of fuel supply for Kummerdorf decreased during the last months, which has been due to a low fuel consumption during the winter.

2. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] Almost all of the [redacted] trucks belong to the Hq GOFG.

3. [redacted] Comment. The fuel shipments to this installation cannot be interpreted. There is the possibility that the Soviets make use of the empty fuel tanks there.

4. [redacted] Comment. Information indicates that the Soviets use more and more fuel installations for military purposes.

5. [redacted] Comment. After the transfer in the summer of 1953 of the bomber corps, which was predominantly supplied by the Riesa depot [redacted] was possibly vacated by the Twenty-Fourth Air Army. The appearance in Fuerstenwalde of this unit cannot yet be accounted for.

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